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1. CAMBODIA

ACCORDING YUGOSLAV "POLITIKA," CAMBODIA IS TRAINING BOYS/
GIRLS YOUNG AS 12 TO REPLACE INDUSTRIAL WORKING CLASS, THO
MANY FACTORIES REMAIN CLOSED, APPARENTLY BECAUSE COMMUNIST
RULERS DO NOT TRUST MANAGERS WHO RAN THEM UNDER OLD REGIME.
IN ANOTHER ARTICLE RESULTING FROM RECENT TOUR CAMBODIA,
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YUGOSLAV REPORTER CITES EXAMPLES OF ATTEMPTS BUILD NEW
WORKER CLASS, WHICH ESTIMATED ALONG W/PEASANTS TO MAKE UP
85 PCT CAMBODIAN POP; 150 YOUNG PEOPLE TRAINING AS
ELECTRICIANS IN SCHOOL OPENED LAST AUG; BOYS/GIRLS MAKING
WATER PUMPS/MOTOR SAWS WORKING 9 HRS DAILY IN PP (AP
BELGRADE, SUN/PHINQ).

2. CAMBODIA/VIETNAM

RADIO PP WEDS ACCUSED SRV OF SEVERAL RECENT BOMBING

ATTACKS/AND OF WANTING BRING CAMBODIA INTO VIET-CONTROLLED INDOCHINA FEDERATION (REUTER BANGKOK).

3. INDOCHINA REFUGEES

MALAYSIAN HOME MIN, REPLYING TO QUESTIONS IN PARLIAMENT WEDS, WARNED PEOPLE IT IS CRIMINAL OFFENSE TO HELP VIET REFUGEES REGARDED BY GOM AS ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS. ADDED THAT GOM HAS NOT DISREGARDED REFUGEES' PLIGHT, HAS 4,395 STILL IN COUNTRY WHOM GOVT TRYING KEEP APART FROM LOCAL POP TO AVOID "SOCIAL PROBLEMS" (REUTER KL).

4. PHILIPPINES

GOP ANNOUNCES IT HAS AWARDED 7-YR SERVICE CONTRACT TO HOUSTON OIL/MINERALS CORP TO DRILL 9 EXPLORATORY WELLS IN CENTRAL LUZON AT COST OF 8.5 MIL DOLS (REUTER MANILA 3/28).

5. INDONESIA

WSJ SAYS OIL ACTIVITY BEGINNING PICK UP IN INDO AFTER PROLONGED SLUMP, DUE NEW GOVT "INCENTIVES" GRANTED FIRMS UNCLASSIFIED

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LAST YR--BUT PROD COULD DECLINE FROM LAST YR'S LEVEL. FON OIL FIRMS NOTED NUMBER SEISMIC EXPLORATION CREWS/EXPLORATORY DRILLING RIGS AT WORK HAVE INCREASED STEADILY OVER LAST YR, THO EXPLORATION IN SO-CALLED FRONTIER AREAS--OFF-SHORE/FAR FROM EXISTING FIELDS--HAS STAGNATED.

6. CHINA

IN PRESENTING DRAFT OF 8-YR SCIENTIFIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM TO NATL CONF, VICE-PREMIER FANG YI WARNS COUNTRY IS LAGGING 15-20 YRS BEHIND WORLD STANDARDS IN MANY AREAS. HEADING LIST WERE AGRIC/ENERGY RESOURCES/MATERIALS/ELECTRONIC COMPUTERS/LASERS/SPACE TECHNOLOGY/HI-ENERGY PHYSICS/GENETIC ENGINEERING. FANG SAID PRC PLANS BUILD MODERN CENTERS FOR SPACE RESEARCH, WILL STUDY/MANUFACTURE/LAUNCH VARIETY OF SCIENTIFIC/APPLIED SATELLITES, ALSO CARRY OUT RESEARCH IN LAUNCHING OF SPACE LABS/PROBES (REUTER, CSM).

PRC/EGYPT SIGN '78 TRADE PROTOCOL; EGYPTIAN TRADE MINISTER SAYS TRADE VOLUME BETWN THEM EXPECTED TO BE WORTH 120 MIL DOLS THIS YR (CAIRO JOC).

7. KOREA

REP GUYER (R-OHIO) TESTIFIED 3/28 THAT HIS ASSOCIATION W/HANCHO KIM MERELY FAMILY FRIENDSHIP THAT DEVELOPED BECAUSE THEY BOTH ATTENDED FINDLAY COLLEGE IN OHIO. ASSERTED

HE HAD DONE POL FAVORS FOR KIM, BUT DENIED HAVING RECEIVED/BEING OFFERED ANY MONEY FROM KIM (NYT). MEANWHILE, FINDLAY COLLEGE PRES RASMUSSEN TESTIFIED HE AWARDED HONORARY DEGREE TO KCIA CHIEF AT HANCHO KIM'S SUGGESTION/RECEIVED HONORARY DEGREE FROM CHUNG-AN UNIV IN RETURN (VOLZ, NYDN; AP, WP).

SK PLANS DESIGNATE YEN/24 OTHER FON CURRENCIES AS OFFICIAL CURRENCIES FOR TRADE (UPI, JOC).
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SK/CANADA MONDAY INITIALED 3-YR AGREEMENT UNDER WHICH ALL KOREAN TEXTILE PRODUCTS SHIPPED TO CANADA WILL BE SUBSTANTIALLY RESTRICTED BEGINNING 1979 (UPI, JOC).

NKOREAN MISSION LED BY DEP FONMIN LEE JONG-MOK DUE ARRIVE COLOMBO SUNDAY TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF REOPENING DIPLO LINKS W/SRI LANKA, ACCORDING INFORMED COLOMBO SOURCES (REUTER).

FILES RELEASED BY HOUSE SUBCMTE TRACE MOON CHURCH FROM ORIGINS AS SMALL-TIME KOREAN SEX CULT TO WORLDWIDE OPERATION CONTROLLED BY KCIA. DOCUMENTS--SOON TO BE SUBJECT OF PUBLIC HEARINGS--INDICATE UNIFICATION CHURCH USED BY ROKG AS PART CONGRESSIONAL LOBBYING EFFORT (GLOBE).

8. JAPAN

SPEAKING TO UPPER HOUSE 3/28, FUKUDA SAID HE WOULD MAKE SPECIAL EFFORT AT MAY MTG W/PRES CARTER TO REACH MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING ON WAYS BRING STABILITY TO INTL MONEY MKTS. COMMENTING ON CONTINUOUS RISE IN YEN VALUE, PM SAID PROBLEM WON'T BE SOLVED UNLESS US MADE RENEWED EFFORTS/JAPAN SUCCEEDED IN REDUCING TRADE SURPLUSES (REUTER TOKYO 3/28).

FRONT-PG NYT ITEM REPORTS BANK OF JAPAN PURCHASED OVER BIL DOLS ON TOKYO FOREX MART TUES IN UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT STEM DOLLAR DECLINE TO ANOTHER POSTWAR LOW. WSJ ADDS NIKKEI DOW JONES AVERAGED UP OVER 43 POINTS, MARKING NEW RECORD.

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IN TRADE, JAPAN'S FEB CURRENT ACCOUNTS SURPLUS JUST BELOW LAST YR'S RECORD HIGH, WHILE EXPORTS ROSE 26 PCT OVER FEB77 (UPI, JOC).

TEN HELMETED PROTESTORS FIRE-BOMBED HOTEL OPERATED BY JAPAN AIR LINES IN NARITA WEDS, INJURING GUARD (REUTER'S FOLEY, TOKYO; AP, SUN NARITA). GOJ HAS POSTPONED OPENING INDEFINITELY, DUE CONTROL TOWER DAMAGE PROTESTORS CAUSED LAST WEEKEND. DELAY SEEN AS SUBSTANTIAL DEFEAT FOR FUKUDA, WHO PROMISED AIRPORT WOULD OPEN AT LAST. LEADER OF GROUP THAT LED LAST WEEKEND'S ATTACK HAS PROMISED MORE VIOLENCE UNTIL THEY "BEAT THE LIFE OUT OF THE GOVERNMENT" (MALCOLM, NYT TOKYO; THARP, WSJ; WP).

PRES CARTER HAS DECIDED RAISE TARIFFS ON IMPORTED CB RADIOS IN ORDER BLUNT FON COMPETITION/STEM JOB EROSION IN US CB INDUSTRY. TRADE REP STRAUSS SAID 15 PCT TARIFF BOOST WILL ALLOW US CB MFRS RAISE PRICES YET STILL COMPETE W/JAPANESE/OTHER ASIAN CB MFRS. IMPORTED CBS, MOSTLY FROM JAPAN, NOW HOLD 85 PCT US MKT (PINE, WP).

WSJ'S KANABAYSHI (TOKYO) REPORTS INDICATIONS THAT JAPAN'S PURCHASE US WHEAT MAY RISE AT SLOWER RATE THAN IN PAST, DUE COUNTRY'S SWOLLEN RICE STOCKPILES. NOTES GOJ HAS GUARANTEED BUY ALL RICE DOMESTIC FARMERS CAN PRODUCE AT 4-5 TIMES INTL MKT LEVEL, INDICATING DISMAL FUTURE FOR US WHEAT FARMERS/EXPORTERS.

TOP-LEVEL COLLECTIVE BARGAINING BETW JAPAN'S DOCK WORKERS/HARBOR TRANSPORT ASSN BEGAN IN TOKYO WEDS. WAGE INCREASES TAKEN FOR GRANTED BY HARBOR ASSN, AND ANY FAILURE IN TALKS LIKELY BE OVER EMPLOYMENT STABILITY DEMANDS (CULLISON, JOC TOKYO).

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FINANCE MIN SAYS GOJ WILL TRANSFER SOME 100 TONS GOLD--WORTH OVER 487 MIL DOLS--TO BANK OF JAPAN AT END MARCH. TRANSFER IN LINE W/GOJ'S DECISION LIBERALIZE IMPORTS/EXPORTS GOLD BEGINNING 4/1 (UPI, JOC).

GOVT-LEVEL TRADE MISSION WILL LEAVE LONDON FRIDAY FOR JAPAN/ATTEMPT REPAIR DAMAGE DONE WHEN HITACHI FORCED CANCEL PLANS INVEST IN UK. MISSION HOPES CONVINCE JAPANESE UK EAGER FOR INVESTMENT. GROUP WILL VISIT MITI/MAJOR BANKS, FIRMS (JOC LONDON).

9. JAPAN/AUSTRALIA

JOC'S STOVE (SYDNEY) REPORTS AUSTRALIA EXERTING HEAVY PRESSURE ON JAPAN TO OBTAIN FAVORABLE IRON ORE CONTRACTS. SINCE AUSTRALIA DEPENDS NEARLY ENTIRELY ON JAPANESE

MKT, NEGOTS SEEN VITAL TO IRON ORE INDUSTRY/COUNTRY'S DELICATE BOP SITUATION. AUSSIE REPS NOW IN TOKYO

CONFERRING W/JAPANESE. DECISION DUE MID-APRIL.

10. JAPAN/CHINA

FOUR CHINESE ECON MISSIONS ARRIVED TOKYO TUES TO PROMOTE IMPORTS FROM JAPAN FOR PEKING'S 1976-85 ECON DEVELOPMENT PLAN (UPI, JOC).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

11. JAPAN

ON AIRPORT RIOTS, SUN EDIT URGES GOJ "STEEL ITS RESOLVE OPEN NARITA/OPERATE IT SAFELY. SAYS ISSUE NOT SO MUCH UNCLASSIFIED

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LAW AND ORDER, BUT QUESTION OF WHO RUNS COUNTRY. OPINES PROTESTORS LESS SENSITIVE TO/REPRESENTATIVE OF JAPANESE PEOPLE THAN GOVT THEY WISH TO OVERTHROW.

PHINQ EDIT EXPRESSES ASTONISHMENT THAT NARITA DEMONSTRATORS COULD THWART EFFORTS 13,000 RIOT POLICE. BELIEVES "FANATICAL TROUBLE-MAKERS" FIGHTING AGAINST AIRPORT "FOR NO REASON OTHER THAN THE FACT THAT JAPAN NEEDS IT." STATES POSTWAR GOJ HAS BEEN SOFT W/MILITANT GROUPS/RELUCTANT DEAL EFFECTIVELY W/RADICAL LEFT. URGES GOJ STRENGTHEN FORCES, AS IT'S NOW CAUGHT IN WAR IT CANNOT AFFORD LOSE.

CSM EDIT SAYS WHATEVER GRIEVANCES INVOLVED IN ANTI-AIRPORT RIOTS, VIOLENCE WRONG METHOD SETTLE THEM. STATES PRO-TESTORS SHOULD TEST MEANS/TACTICS AGAINST HIGHEST STANDARDS AND PROVE--AS GOVT SHOULD ALSO DO--THAT PROPER MEANS CAN WORK.

12. CHINA

IN TAIPEI SPEECH TO OPENING OF 3-DAY ECON COOPERATION CONF, ATTENDED BY 700 US/ROC BUSINESS LEADERS, FORMER US TREASURY SEC KENNEDY SAID TUES THAT US/ROC ECON/TRADE RELS WILL CONTINUE EXPAND, DESPITE US MOVES TOWARD NORMALIZATION WITH PRC. KENNEDY SAID TAIWAN NOT ONLY "EXCELLENT PLACE FOR INVESTMENT," BUT ALSO POTENTIAL EXPORT MKT FOR US-MADE MACHINERY/EQUIPMENT/RAW MATERIALS/OTHER COMMODITIES. SAID FACT THAT 120 MORE US CORPORATE REPS ATTENDING THIS COUNCIL MTG, COMPARED TO FIRST SUCH MTG IN CHICAGO LAST OCT, WAS CLEAR INDICATION OF CLOSER FUTURE RELATIONSHIP (TAIPEI RUETER 3/28).

13. THAILAND

ACCORDING CSM'S MORITZ (BANGKOK), THAILAND, SOMETIMES CALLED "WOBBLEST DOMINO" IN SEASIA, IS SPEEDING UP SEARCH

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FOR SECURITY BY ACCOMMODATION W/COMMUNIST NEIGHBORS. NOTES PM KRIANGSAK HAS STAKED HIS POL PRESTIGE ON ENDING BORDER CLASHES W/CAMBODIA, APPEARS SEEKING CHINESE SUPPORT IN EASING FIGHTING THAT HAS PRESISTED ALONG THAI-CAMBODIAN BORDER; HE WILL VISIT PRC BEGINNING 3/29. SAYS KRIANGSAK'S EFFORTS IMPROVE RELS W/SRV/LAOS INTERPRETED AS ATTEMPT PREEMPT VIET SUPPORT FOR THAI INSURGENTS/AS FURTHER INDUCEMENT FOR CAMBODIA MAKE PEACE W/THAILAND. SAYS OTHERWISE DEAL BETWN THAIS/VIETS COULD LEAVE CAMBODIA MORE DIPLOMATICALLY ISOLATED THAN EVER.

14. LAOS

NYT'S KAMM (BANGKOK) REPORTS RESISTANCE GROUPS, OPERATING INDEPENDENTLY WITHOUT CENTRAL DIRECTION OR FON ASSISTANCE, ACTIVE THRUOUT LAOS. RESISTANCE FIGHTERS/REFUGEES/DIPLOS SAY GROUPS INTERFERE W/SECURITY SUFFICIENTLY TO BOTHER GOVT/ITS VIET ALLIES, THAT THEY HAVE MADE MAJOR ROADS INSECURE, ESPECIALLY AT NIGHT. NOTES ABOUT 30,000 VIET TROOPS IN LAOS, THAT RESISTANCE IN N MTS DIRECTED AT KEEPING TROOPS OUT OF REGION. FOR THIS REASON, SAYS MEO GUERRILLAS ARE FIXED TARGET, SUBJECT TO FREQUENT CONCEN- TRATED ATTACKS. SAYS GUERRILLA GROUPS LED MAINLY BY FORMER OFFICERS OF LAOTIAN REG/IRREGULAR ARMIES, SAID TO INCL SIGNIFICANT NUMBERS DEFECTORS FROM PATHET LAO.

15. PACIFIC ISLANDS

CSM'S STEELE (SUVA) CALLS FIJI SOMETHING OF ENIGMA IN 3RD WORLD. NOTES THERE IS LITTLE ANTI-COLONIAL RESENTMENT, THAT ISLANDS HAVE MODERN SERVICES, BUT ECON FOLLOWS FAMILIAR 3RD WORLD PATTERN--MAJOR INSTITUTIONS/CORPS TEND BE FOREIGN. SAYS MONEY POURS INTO COUNTRY/FOREIGNERS UNCLASSIFIED

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DIRECT MOST POSITIONS OF INFLUENCE THRU AGENCIES OF UNDP/ EEC/OTHERS; THERE IS ACUTE SHORTAGE SKILLED/PROFESSIONAL FIJIAN MANPOWER. NOTES AGRIC BEING DIVERSIFIED, SO AS NOT RELY PRINCIPALLY ON SUGAR/TOURISM, THAT HYDROELECTRIC POWER STATION IN SURVEY STAGE/OIL EXPLORATION UNDERWAY (ACCOMPANIED BY PHOTO OF FIJI VILLAGE). COOPER

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